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AT LAST.

**Mr. F. J. Leonard Bids Farewell to
Single Blessedness.**

MARRIED.—At the residence of Hon. R. W. Evans, on Monday, May 21st, by Judge Fringer—Mr. Frederick J. Leonard and Miss Mary A. Halloran, both of this city.

Before describing the particulars relating to the subject before us, we are led to indulge in a little retrospection. Fred Leonard is one of that class who possess those peculiar traits which fit them to take a leading part in nearly everything of a public nature in the circle within which they move; and the marriage of such a person is more than an ordinary event. A young man of good business ability, he cast his financial lot in the west at a time when the buffalo and Indian were nearer neighbors to us than they are now, and before law and civilization had been properly introduced among the inhabitants of this vicinity—when this was a "burrah town," and no one thought of anything but to make money while the trade lasted and leave when the trade left. Things have greatly changed since then, and for the last two years a different state of affairs has existed. Civilization is not so near a failure, the town has assumed a permanent appearance, residences have been built, and families of business men and mechanics have learned to call this place home. Several of the adventurous young men who landed here in early days were among the guests at the wedding. But few of them are married, and they looked solemn and grave as they wended their way to the residence on Military Avenue last Monday morning, thinking of what was soon to take away from them a chief among the single tribe. But when they beheld the bride their frowns turned to smiles; they were convinced that the poet told the truth when he said,

No age, no profession, no station is free,
To sovereign beauty mankind bends the knee.
Ex-Mayor Hoover, an exception to the "single" rule, having been married a few months ago in the same house, was present to give in his experience, and advised Messrs. Langston, Fringer, Connor, Colborn, Morphy and Frost to "go and do likewise." It was a private wedding, none but long-time and intimate friends being present, but the number was not small. At the appointed hour, 10 A. M., the elect were ushered into the presence of their guests, and took their places. The appearance, costumes, etc., of the bride and bridegroom at this fluttering moment of their lives is generally described by the reporter. As the most of our readers know Fred Leonard as well as we do, it will not surprise them to learn that his actions and looks were perfectly natural, and he is naturally prepossessing. He stood it bravely. The bride, Miss Mary Halloran, is admired and praised by all who know her, and but few ladies possess like gifts of modesty and comeliness, or a more quiet disposition, and are not these qualities most admired? even

As old in time as Plato, and as knowing,
Says that our ideal female grace is silence.
[Lecturers ladies please observe.]

Judge Fringer performed the ceremony according to the judicial form, pronouncing them husband and wife in a solemn but not reproachful voice. Then the evocation commenced, and such a time! The bride was deluged with kisses, and the bridegroom received his full share, all of which he accepted with a smile and a feeling of superiority over the rest of mankind present, who looked on with envious eyes. The festive part of the program came next. The choicest wine, cake to match, and the most frigid ice cream were subjects of interest for half an hour or longer. In response to calls from W. N. Morphy set the ball rolling by giving a toast, in which he expressed his ideal of double life. Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Evans, with whom the bride has made her home while in this city, devoted themselves to the agreeable task before them, and Richard's countenance beamed with more than usual brightness as he received and entertained the wedding visitors. This is the second couple, within the last year, whom Mr. and Mrs. Evans have plotted safely into the marriage harbor, and they deserve the medal for superiority in this branch of domestic science. It seemed so delightful to some of the marriageable folks that the Judge was called

on to sanction another marriage, but as the course of true love sometimes runs crooked, so it did here, just because some other fellow had a claim on the would-be bride, and saw fit to object.

Several short hours slipped by before the witnesses of this harmonious result of Cupid's mysterious weapon took their departure.

In the evening a party of nightingale singers serenaded the happy pair, and as soft stillness and the night becomes the touches of sweet harmony, so the sound of the guitar and the voices accompanying it were harmonious and becoming as the curtain fell on the first day of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard's married life. May their lives be ever thus in harmony.

The Dodge City Tannery.

The new tannery is beginning to get down to systematic business, and is now turning out a goodly number of well tanned robes every few days, averaging between seventy and eighty a week. The engine which turns the softening wheel is kept pulling away nearly all the time. Inside the wheel the robes are placed after they have been tanned, and the turning of the wheel keeps them tumbling about, and prevents them from getting stiff and hard while drying. Some very beautifully tanned robes can be seen at the tannery. They are even superior to those tanned by the Indians. If an Indian-tanned robe is exposed to moisture or dampness it will soon get mouldy and then the fur becomes loose and it is worthless, but these robes can be exposed to dampness for weeks and it will not cause the fur to loosen. There are but few tanners who understand how to handle buffalo-robe hides in this way, and as soon as they have a fair trial their superiority will be acknowledged. Messrs. Wilbur & Keogle, the proprietors of the tannery, are from Kansas City. They have about 1,300 hides on hand. Such robes as they manufacture can be sold for about seven dollars. Their business now affords labor for five men, and they will increase their facilities as soon as they get a little more firmly established.

Levi Wilson was awarded the contract for supplying corn at Ft. Leavenworth at 89 cents per hundred, and oats at \$1.10 per hundred. James E. Fenion was awarded the contract for corn and oats at Forts Hill, Reno and Gibson. Maj. Adams, of Manhattan, has the contract for Fort Riley at 24 cents per hundred for corn and \$1.15 for oats. An honest granger got the contract for corn at Ft. Dodge, delivered at Newton, at \$1.10; A. C. Koeber, Topeka, oats for Ft. Dodge, \$1.05. Some experienced grain men say that some of the bids are very low.

Grasshoppers.

[From the Manhattan Industrialist, published at the State Agricultural College.]

Our revolvers are loaded and we would like to see the man who says the wet weather has destroyed the hopper eggs. This is Wednesday, and after the deluge this morning, the little scoundrels are coming out of the ground and fairly whitewashing the earth. The outside row of the apple orchard is black with chaps not a quarter of an inch long climbing up the trees, some of them being eight feet from the ground and still moving upward. Down at the strawberry patch they are still standing on the port leg and kicking time with their board foot as they scream in grand chorus. "We are coming. Father Abraham, three hundred thousand more!" We would just like to see for a few minutes the man who says the "hoppers are all killed."

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